



# Department of Fisheries & Wildlife News & Views

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## Message from the Department Head: What are You Thankful for?



In late November and December of each year I have the pleasure of writing lots of thank you notes and letters to the many donors who send in gifts this time of the year because they are thankful to the department, former faculty members, and

mentors. My notes have afforded me the opportunity to reflect on what I am thankful for with respect to the department. There are several things on my list. First, I have a great job, because I serve as leader of what is among the best fish and wildlife programs in world and, pound for pound, one of the leading academic/research departments in the entire Oregon University System. I regularly tell people that about 1/3 of my job is serving as head-braggart as I try to promote the department, our faculty, and students throughout the university and around the state. That is an easy gig! Our faculty and students receive lots of awards each year from the college, university and professional societies in recognition of their good work. On an FTE basis, our grants and contracts, number of majors, student-credit-hours, and almost any other metric an academic department might be measured against put us near the top for the university. Our faculty are nationally and internationally known for their cutting-edge research. Our students get meaningful jobs that they enjoy.

Second, interest in our educational programs is at an all time high—we have more undergraduate majors than we have ever had! Maybe more students than any program in the nation has ever had. Because of the economy and the pending retirement tsunami in state and federal agencies, our student numbers have more than doubled during the past two years! Our online program has provided access to the university that many people from around the country never thought they would have. We have gone from about 260 majors on-campus in 2009 to over 300 today and since we started offering our online degree in 2009 we have had more than 400 students start the program.

The Nash Hall remodel is finally done! After more than three years of noise, disruption, displacement and other choice words I could use, the Nash Hall

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seismic upgrade and associated remodeling is complete. In addition to a safe building, the remodel has afforded several other benefits. Everyone got their office painted and the need to move offices and labs twice resulted in lots of worthless junk being tossed out. It really was remarkable! Some people found stuff in their offices and labs that was there when they moved in more than 30 years ago! I have decided we should move offices and labs every 10 years or so. The remodel comes with better lighting and more efficient, better controlled heating and air-conditioning. We remodeled the front office, which is now a more welcoming place for students and visitors and a more efficient workplace. We remodeled our two meeting rooms so that they now have the latest in distance video communication capabilities. We upgraded our two computer labs with new computers and furniture. In the basement we completely renovated the fish collection space and our teaching labs. The teaching labs now have state-of-the-art electronic teaching stations including digital microscopes that can be projected on screens. One room is designed with the latest in video equipment that will allow us to stream and archive events such as our department seminar (once we figure out the software...:-). We are planning a grand opening on 7 March from 2:00-4:00. If you are in Corvallis, stop by and check out our new digs! Finally, I am thankful of the numerous gifts we receive each year from alums, supporters and even parents! I am constantly amazed at the generosity of our donors. In the past couple of months we have received several gifts providing substantial increases in existing scholarship funds, including the Munson Wildlife Graduate Scholarship, the H. Richard Carlson Scholarship Fund, the David and Georgia Leupold Marshall Wildlife Graduate Scholarship (in memory of Dave Marshall) and the Mentors Scholarship. Jim Hall has just established the Jim and Bonnie Hall Diversity Scholarship in an effort to help the department increase diversity and inclusiveness

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among our students and in the profession. We received an anonymous estate gift for over \$450,000 establishing a series of fish and wildlife scholarships in the college and a commitment for \$50,000/year for five years from a donor to support research by department faculty and students. Finally, in the past two months I have visited with two other alums who have shared with me their plans to establish large endowments associated with their estates. Development has become a larger portion of my job duties over time as the Campaign for OSU has ramped up and as state support of the university and our students has declined. It is also among the most rewarding things I do! If you are interested in discussing opportunities to establish scholarships, special funds, endowed positions, or hey, how about a new building, please give me a call—I would love to hear about your interests and share more with you about all the great things we are doing. Have a great 2012!



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**Prof. Dimick and Glen Carter M.S.'52 at Hayes Oyster Company.**

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### **Lenora Bond at 91**

Lenora Bond is doing well in her apartment at the Stoneybrook Assisted Living complex. Greetings can be sent in care of daughter Nancy Bond Hemming: 4737 NW Elmwood Drive, Corvallis 97330 or nbhemming@comcast.net

## From the Mailbag

**Ernest Hodson '50** sent an appreciation for the pancakes at the 75<sup>th</sup> and also a contribution toward production of the newsletter. Many thanks to you Ernest.

**Loree Hennigar Havel M.S.'85** sent along a marvelous suggestion that she would rather receive the newsletter online than in print. Sadly your editor didn't quite get it together for this year, but will definitely put it on the list for the next edition. (Note that you can access past newsletters at <http://fw.oregonstate.edu/About%20Us/Newsletters%20and%20Briefs/News%20and%20Views/index.html>).

**Megan Cook M.S. '12** wrote to Dan: I will be assistant to the Science Advisor (Gaby Chavarria) of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Washington, DC! It will be a two-year position with at least one rotation (4-6 months), 80 hours of classroom training a year, full benefits, starting at the GS-9 level, and at the end of it I will be eligible for non-competitive conversion to a GS-11/12 permanent position anywhere in the Service. I will be working on anything and everything that the FWS is involved in. Their current big projects are climate change adaptation planning, renewable energy development, and landscape conservation cooperatives. Sounds like a great opportunity, Megan!

**Wayne Linn, M.S.'55** sent an article from the Medford Mail Tribune titled **Cole Rivers ('55)** 'Mr. Rogue River', in praise of his dedication to the river in an all-too-short life.

Sorry I missed the visit of **Glenn DeMott M.S.'83** when he stopped by the campus. He had quite a story to tell as one of the whistleblowers who helped to expose wrongdoing by his employer, Pfizer. Details of Pfizer's behavior regarding off-label promotion of pharmaceuticals came to light when several insiders decided to become whistleblowers. Glenn was one of the lead plaintiffs in the Government's case, which resulted in a \$2.3 billion penalty, the largest combined federal and state health care fraud settlement in the history of the U.S. Department of Justice. The settlement included a \$1.2 billion criminal fine, the largest ever imposed in a U.S. criminal prosecution. He was fired, but received some compensation from the settlement and now has a popular line of English Springer Spaniels (web site [www.timberdoodlespringers.com](http://www.timberdoodlespringers.com)). Good on ya Glenn!

**Doug Larson Ph.D.'70** sent copies of a number of recent papers he had written on the limnology of lakes near Mt. St. Helens. They documented the response of these water bodies to the tremendous force of the volcano and also the remarkable recovery that has occurred over the past 30 years.

**Dave Narver '56** sent along a report of an enjoyable reunion of researchers and managers who had worked on the Chignik Lake system in Alaska over a 60-year period. Among those telling lies and bear stories besides Dave were **Mike Dahlberg '62, M.S.'64**, and **Scott Marshall '73**.

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### Oregon AFS nears 50

The Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is close to celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The actual ceremony will occur at the meeting in February 2014, but plans are already being formulated. Current Chapter Historian **Don Ratliff '70** is the custodian of most of the records. The chapter officers are planning a retreat this summer where further sorting and cataloging will occur, possibly including a few brewskis (the event is planned coincident with the 2012 Bend BrewFest). Among the other participants will be President-Elect **Todd Buchholz '84**, Vice-President **Bill Brignon M.S.'09**, External Director **Shivonne Nesbit M.S.'10**, and Secretary-Treasurer **Garth Wyatt '04**. When the boxes are sorted and labeled, they will be deposited in the Archives of the OSU Library so that they will be safe from a flooded basement and available to anyone who wants to look into the history of the Chapter.

**Howard Horton M.S.'55, Ph.D.'63** was one of the early organizers of the Chapter and served as the first Chapter President. **George Eicher '41** was national President of the American Fisheries Society at the time, and a prime mover in establishment of the Oregon Chapter.

The first annual meeting was held in February 1964. Your editor is pleased to have been in attendance, having arrived in the Department in August of 1963 [that makes me kind of old, and I seem to be slowing down quite a bit, as evidenced by the 2011 News & Views hitting the street nearly half way through 2012]. There were 135 in attendance at the first meeting, including many alums of our Department. Incidentally, the Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society was organized in 1965, and the two chapters held a joint meeting soon after.

Current officers are interested in receiving any memorabilia from those early days. If you find anything in your closet, you could get in touch with Don Ratliff at [Donald.Ratliff@pgn.com](mailto:Donald.Ratliff@pgn.com) (see an early photo on page 5)

## News from the Club (now Student Chapters)

As fall term 2011 is coming to a close, so is the first term of the recently renamed Fisheries and Wildlife Club. The Fisheries and Wildlife Club has turned a new leaf in order to focus more on professional development, networking within the field, and to better represent our parent societies. This new leaf has led to a name change from Fisheries and Wildlife Club to Oregon State University Student Chapters of the American Fisheries Society and the Wildlife Society (ATSC).

Despite being only one term into the year, ATSC has already organized multiple trips and professional speakers. First, we coordinated with the Necanicum Watershed Council to create a volunteer weekend restoring migratory bird habitat. Our students helped to plant over 1,500 plants in a single morning. During this trip we also met with a private contractor who is working on an off channel wetland restoration project where we learned about the history of the land and the wetland delineation process. Secondly, we volunteered with ODFW to sample fish at St. Louis

ponds and got hands on experience with fish seining. Additionally, we ran a mini-GPS workshop at one of our Wednesday night meetings and held multiple early morning recreational birding trips for students to enjoy!

In continuation of last year, we have attempted to include speakers from a range of areas in the field at our meetings. This terms meetings included a special presentation by Gary Galovich from ODFW to discuss the Warm Water Fishes Project, which preceded the fish-seining trip, and talk about the Bats of Western Oregon presented by Pat Ormsbee, the PNW Regional Bat Specialist based out of Eugene.

ATSC has announced our plans for Spring Break 2012, which will include both sightseeing and informational lectures from specialists throughout *Death Valley National Park!* Our Student Chapter is off to a great start and anticipates an excellent rest of the year with exciting new speakers, hands on experience, and professional development!

Alex Marquardt and Rob Blenk

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## Grad Students also active

The Fisheries and Wildlife Graduate Student Association has had a great year of activities, symposiums, and socials. A club fundraiser was held this fall at Squirrel's Tavern, with live music by "Wild Hog in the Woods" and donations from Calapooia brewery. It was a great success and raised money to help fund our RAFWE symposium. Also this fall we had our annual new grad student campout on the coast, which provided an opportunity for new and previous graduate students to get acquainted in a non-academic setting. Starting in the winter of 2012, we hope to have bi-weekly potlucks and socials where grad students can gather and present some of their research while enjoying time outside of Nash Hall.

Much of our time this fall has been spent preparing for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Research Advances in Fisheries, Wildlife, and Ecology (RAFWE) Symposium, which we will be hosting on February 2, 2012 at the LaSells Stewart Center. The symposium is run completely by graduate students and highlights student's studies focused on ecology, fisheries, wildlife, and natural resources. RAFWE registration and workshops are completely free, and thus also provide a chance for students who might not otherwise have the funding to attend a professional

conference elsewhere to have that experience. Over 150 people attended last year's RAFWE symposium and we are hoping to draw in even more people, as well as people from other departments or universities. The schedule of events includes three concurrent workshops to be held in the morning before the oral presentation sessions, a brown bag discussion, afternoon oral sessions, a poster session, and a keynote speaker. The day will conclude with a catered social to give students, faculty, and agency staff a chance to interact with each another and bid on auction items.

The workshops will be 1) Introduction to R, Kevin McDonnell 2) Introduction to Excel, Michelle Kappes and 3) Introduction to GIS, Kelly Christiansen. The lunch time brownbag discussion panel will include 1) Shawn Rowe, Marine Education Learning Specialist, Oregon Sea Grant, 2) Dana Sanchez, Assistant Professor, Extension Wildlife Specialist, Fisheries and Wildlife Department, and 3) Sarah Kolesar, Research Program Specialist, Oregon Sea Grant. We are very pleased to host keynote speaker Dr. Milton Love of the Marine Science Institute at University of California, Santa Barbara. Dr. Love has a diverse and extensive resume, including employment as an

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instructor, science writer, columnist, researcher, and marine council member. He is currently employed as a research biologist at the Marine Science Institute at UCSB, where he continues his studies on rockfish of the Pacific coast. Milton Love is well known for his important contributions to conservation science, as well as his humorous approach to life and research.

We expect another successful symposium with many academic and agency professionals in attendance and a combined total of over 50 student

presentations from the poster and oral sessions. Be on the lookout for more FWGSA affiliated events to come such as the spring fundraiser; we encourage all to come out to support our department's hardworking graduate students. More information about RAFWE can be found at [www.bitly.com/OSUrafwe](http://www.bitly.com/OSUrafwe).

Kendra Hoekzema and Stefanie Collar, FWGSA presidents

## Update on Ecampus programs

In January 2012, the FW undergraduate program will have nearly 700 currently enrolled students. Almost half (47%) of those are Ecampus students and approximately 50 of them will be new to OSU starting Winter Term 2012. In addition to that, we currently have about 70 students seeking a FW minor online. Each year since the online program began in 2009, enrollment has continued to increase at a rapid rate. This has created the need to add an additional full time Ecampus Academic Advisor (see page 6), along with creating more sections of online courses to accommodate the increase in demand.

While the Ecampus and Corvallis campus students are working on the same degree, the demographics of the student populations are quite different. For example, post baccalaureate students currently make up nearly 30% of the Ecampus population which is higher than their Corvallis counterparts that only make up 10% of the Corvallis campus population. Also, the male to female ratio is much closer with the Ecampus students (at 46% male and 54% female) than the Corvallis campus students (at 62% male and 38% female). In addition, the Corvallis campus students tend to be more traditionally college-aged, while many of the Ecampus students are older than average and work part-time or full-time jobs in addition to their school work. However, despite their differences, all of the students share the same interest and passion for the fisheries and wildlife field.

Furthermore, the FW undergraduate program is proud to have many active duty military and veteran students and is currently ranked in the top 3 majors at OSU for students using GI Bill benefits. Currently, the split is 50/50 for Corvallis and Ecampus FW students using GI Bill benefits. Right now there is no

way to track enrollment numbers of the active duty military students. However, we do know that we have students in nearly all branches of the service, from coast to coast and overseas.

Finally, in addition to the online Fisheries Management Graduate Certificate program that has been active for several years, the FW department will be launching a new online degree program, Professional Science Master's in Fisheries and Wildlife Administration in Spring Term 2012. The program is designed to provide a flexible online curriculum to help meet the needs and self-improvement goals of current FW working professionals as they seek to advance in their jobs. More information about the program can be found on our website: <http://psm.science.oregonstate.edu/fisheries-and-wildlife-administration>.

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Early Oregon AFS officers: Howard Horton M.S.'55, Ph.D.'63 (First President, 64-65), Bob Borovicka'42 (President 65-66), Bob Gunsolus'50 (Sec.-Treas.65-66) , George Eicher '41 (National AFS president 64-65)

## Meet the New Faculty

### Megan Wright, advisor for Distance Education



Before I came to Oregon, I grew up in the sunny state of California; mostly in a small town in the foothills, surrounded by cattle ranching and orange groves. Agriculture was everywhere. A lot of my family lived in the same town as we did and we all had vegetable gardens and fruit trees in our backyards with a variety of orchards only a couple of blocks from our homes. The livestock was primarily beef cattle while the majority of the wildlife consisted of a variety of birds (from song birds to road runners) and rattle snakes. There were, of course, a few coyotes and rabbits too.

In the second grade I fell head over heels in love with horses. For a short while in elementary school, I took horseback riding lessons and then in high school I earned my riding lessons by cleaning stalls. Those were some of the best days. For two years I was out at the stable three afternoons a week spending time with the horses and my friends. I loved working with the horses, studying their behavior, and, of course, riding them. At first, I had learned to ride western but in high school I rode English with my friends and fell in love with jumping. The best was during the summer when we would ride bareback, tie our reins in knots, and jump without hands. Now that was fun!

It was then that I decided that I wanted to work with horses as my career. After we moved to Oregon, I graduated from high school in Tillamook and enrolled at Oregon State University in the Animal Sciences program with an option in Equine Science. Horses were my primary species and beef cattle were my secondary. In addition to school, I worked for the OSU Poultry Research Farm for three years and lived there as the resident student the last year and a half. I also worked for the OSU Horse Center for three years as an Assistant Coach, teaching beginning horseback riding lessons and was a peer

leader for the OSU First Year Experience Program's Odyssey classes (now known as U-Engage).

Unfortunately, during my senior year, I suffered an injury that ended my career of working with large animals. Although I could still ride, working with horses for my job was out of the picture. After I graduated, I worked several different jobs while I paid off my school debt and did some soul searching. When contemplating

what else I enjoyed doing, my thoughts would continually turn back to my time at OSU as a student, instructor, and peer leader. I also remembered how much I had appreciated all the help and advice that I had received from my advisor. And then I knew it: I wanted to give back what I had been given—I wanted to be an academic advisor in the College of Agriculture.

Finally, in the summer of 2008 I made the move back to Corvallis by taking a job in the OSU Registrar's Office. In the fall of 2009, I started OSU's College Student Services Administration graduate program as a part time student while I continued to work full time. After completing a year-long advising internship with the University Exploratory Studies Program, I was hired this fall as a distance education academic advisor for the Fisheries and Wildlife Department. I love every day of my job with my students, co-workers, and department.

In June 2012, God willing, I will graduate with my Master of Education and I look forward to having more free time to spend with my family, friends, and cat, and to pursue my many hobbies including hiking, biking, and crafting. In addition, I am thankful to now have the job I that I wanted and I look forward to continuing to learn more about the fisheries and wildlife field and develop new ways in which we can support and engage our FW Ecampus students.

## Registry of Distinguished Graduates

A committee of faculty and alumni considered nominations and voted to add the following graduates to the registry:

**Donald W. Chapman** B.S. 1953 Forestry OSU; M.S. 1957; Ph.D. 1961

Dr. Don Chapman's fisheries career has spanned 55 years, including leadership in regional and international fisheries conservation efforts. Most of his career was spent working on salmon and steelhead throughout the Pacific Northwest.

While still a graduate student, Don worked as the coordinating biologist for the Governor's Committee on Natural Resources and established the Alsea Watershed Study, serving as its first Coordinator. Following graduation, Dr. Chapman served as Assistant and Associate Professor of Fisheries in our Department. In 1963 he took a position as Director of Research for the Fish Commission of Oregon. In 1964 Don became the leader of the Idaho Cooperative Research Unit and a professor of Fishery Resources at the University of Idaho, positions he held until 1972. His principal emphasis was salmon and steelhead ecology in fresh water, mostly in the Salmon and Clearwater rivers. Many of Dr. Chapman's students went on to attain influential jobs where they were responsible for researching and managing salmon and steelhead throughout Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. During his career, Dr. Chapman served on two committees on Columbia River anadromous fish for the National Research Council and the National Academy of Science.

Dr. Chapman's international career experiences included work for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in Colombia and Tanzania, both of which involved helping native people to develop sustainable fisheries. Following his international work, Dr. Chapman opened and ran a consulting firm for more than 30 years.

For Dr. Chapman, science is not about accepting the majority opinion; it is about defending hypotheses with data rather than emotion. He has researched, published, consulted, and worked in many coastal and inland streams in the Pacific Northwest. He has authored more than 100 reports, many of which have been published in peer-reviewed journals and books. Because of his extensive work on and commitment to anadromous species and their habitat, Dr. Chapman has been recognized with the Award of Excellence from the Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and the "Most Significant Paper" in the Transactions of the American Fisheries Society for three separate years—1965, 1976, and 1988—a truly remarkable recognition.

**Hillary Egna** B.S. 1980, University of Michigan; M.Ag. 1985; Ph.D. 1998, Resource Geography, OSU  
Dr. Hillary Egna is Director of the Aquaculture & Fisheries Cooperative Research Support Program (CRSP) at OSU. She has over 30 years of experience in international research and development, has collaborated with scientists from 24 countries, and has served on proposal review panels for the National Science Foundation, NOAA Sea Grant, and USDA. She has 25 years of research administration experience on multi-institutional, multidisciplinary projects. She has successfully managed the AquaFish CRSP and its over 500 partners and diverse disciplinary portfolio. Through her support, well over 1,000 students have received undergraduate and graduate degrees, and over 20,000 people have received short-term training. Dr. Egna has additional relevant experience as Principal Investigator of a multi-university integrated aquaculture project in Egypt funded by USAID (1992-95); a trainer on two Kuwait and Indonesia fisheries capacity-building projects (1985-86); co-PI of a Women in Development project funded by the Rwanda USAID Mission (1990-91); OSU liaison to a USDA China delegation in fisheries and aquaculture (2002); as PI on a sustainable fisheries management project in Mali (2007-2010); and PI on a project on increasing small farmers incomes with aquaculture best management practices in Ghana, Kenya, and Tanzania (2010-ongoing). After a series of visits to South American, Asian, and African universities in 1998-1999, she established a library donation program that was a model for the later Libraries without Borders program. She has mentored over 50 graduate and undergraduate students, and created two successive graduate student fellowship programs at OSU to support women interested in international aquaculture and to encourage international dimensions of aquatic resources management. Dr. Egna has authored or co-authored over 60 general publications ranging on topics from impact assessment methodology, to remote sensing applications in aquaculture, to network analysis in Rwanda. She co-authored the book *Dynamics of Pond Aquaculture* (CRC Press, 1997), and was executive producer of a DVD documentary on pond aquaculture practices around the world, *Ponds for Life* (2004). After being involved in evacuations in Panama (1987) and Rwanda (1994), she became interested in creating temporary relief

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organizations to help people during times of crisis. One such temporary organization was the Rwanda Refugee Relief Fund that she and colleagues set up to assist “at risk” Rwandan associates and their families. For this service Dr. Egna received the 1997 Women in Leadership Award from the Northwest Chapter of the United Nations organization, UNIFEM.

**Martin S. Fitzpatrick** B.A. 1980 Harvard University ; M.S. 1985; Ph.D. 1990

After receiving his doctorate, Dr. Fitzpatrick was a Post-Doc with the Oregon Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit, and was appointed an Assistant Professor, Research in this department in 1991. He was promoted to Associate Professor 6 years later. During this time he was successful in bringing in substantial research funding from many agencies, including USEPA, Sea Grant, USAID., USGS., and NIH. He had 19 different studies successfully funded during his 10-year tenure at OSU. Marty mentored 8 graduate students and post-docs, who have all gone on to successful positions in the profession. During this time he also published several papers per year in prestigious international journals. His cutting edge science is evidenced by the fact that he was frequently invited to make presentations at national and international symposia.

Marty’s contribution at OSU is not limited to the excellence of his science. He was also an outstanding teacher, receiving excellent student evaluations during the several years that he taught the senior and graduate level course in Fish Physiology.

For Marty’s excellent performance and service to OSU he received the College of Agricultural Science Savery Outstanding Young Faculty Award in 1998. For his research he was a recipient of the Director’s Award from the National Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit Program of the USGS. He was also recognized for having the best published paper in fisheries with a graduate student, receiving the W. F. Thompson Award from the American Institute of Fishery Research Biologists.

In 2000 Dr. Fitzpatrick took a position with Oregon’s Department of Environmental Quality as a Water Quality Standards specialist. In this position, he led the rule-making process for statewide regulations on water quality, with special focus on protecting aquatic life and human health. He also served as liaison to federal agencies, ensuring that revised rules met standards of the federal Clean Water Act and

the federal Endangered Species Act. In 2006 Marty joined the USGS Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center at OSU. He soon became the Deputy Director of the Center, and during 2010 served as its Acting Director.

**Richard G. Steiner** B.A. 1975 University of Tennessee; M.S. 1979

Rick joined the University of Alaska faculty in 1980 as an Instructor and Marine Advisory Program Agent, first in Kotzebue, then in Cordova. When the Exxon-Valdez oil spill occurred in 1989 he assumed a leadership role in Prince William Sound. In the wake of the spill, Rick Steiner was a leading voice for independent scientific analysis to determine damages and recovery strategies. He was also a strong proponent of public structures and processes to prevent future spills. More recently, he has been a key advisor on developing strategies to assess impacts and remedies to address the Deep Water Horizon disaster. Professor Steiner’s global conservation work has been exceptional, in particular his work on conservation issues in high-risk, conflict zones around the world including: working in the Colombian Amazon, during a FARC offensive, traveling on the Amazon (with a team of heavily armed guards) to assist indigenous tribes with biodiversity conservation; working on behalf of government of Pakistan, at a very dangerous time, to establish and lead the first Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) program in a developing country; assisting Nigeria’s Ministry of Environment to develop a program to mitigate 50 years of oil damages; and organizing an environmental damage assessment for the Government of Lebanon after the massive eastern Mediterranean oil spill. The United Kingdom’s well-regarded Guardian newspaper described Professor Steiner as “one of the world’s leading marine conservation scientists” as well as “one of the most respected and outspoken academics on the oil industry’s environmental record.” His strong positions advocating for fish sometimes put him in conflict with the University administration, which has strong ties to the oil industry. When the relationship became particularly contentious, the environmental organization Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility became an advocate for Rick; he now serves on their Board of Directors. Among his other recognitions: 2010 Alaska Muckraker of the Year Award – Cook Inlet Keeper, Alaska; Commendation - 2005 - jointly from the *United Nations* and *Government of Pakistan* for



serving as *Chief Technical Advisor* to Government of Pakistan on Natural Resource Damage Assessment for the Tasman Spirit Oil Spill; *International Who's Who of Professionals*; - 2004/2005 Ecotrust Conservation Fellow – 2001.

### **The M. A. Ali Graduate Chair Award in Fisheries Biology**

The M. A. Ali Graduate Chair Award is a new award that recognizes excellence among graduate students in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Oregon State University. It is named in honor of Professor M. A. “Babu” Ali, for his lifetime dedication to studies of the sensory physiology of fishes. Babu Ali received the best paper prize (\$25) from Professor Carl Bond for his presentation “Sight in Pacific Salmon” as a graduate student at the AAAS research symposium on the Biology of Pacific Salmon in Seattle, Washington organized by Professor Bond (June 11–16 1956). Babu subsequently visited Corvallis to collect blind cave catfish from Carl Bond for his research on the evolution of eyes in fishes.

Babu established his reputation for studies of vision, ecology, and evolution of Pacific salmon as a doctoral student at the University of British Columbia. His studies of the visual system and smolting in salmon remain a classic in that field. He subsequently continued his teaching and research on visual physiology as a faculty member at the University of Montreal. He edited a number of major books in his field, and was the convener and host for a series of international research workshops on fish physiology.

This annual award is open to all M. S. or Ph. D. students registered in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. Students are recognized for their accomplishments in research, for communication of their science, their participation in the graduate program and evidence of their leadership. The recipient is invited to present a public lecture during the Spring Term in the Fisheries and Wildlife Department and will have her/his name added to a commemorative plaque held in the Department.

The M. A. Ali Chair in Sensory Biology was initiated in the Department of Zoology at the University of British Columbia to recognize the accomplishments of Mohamed Ather “Babu” Ali, who was then a doctoral student in the research laboratory of Professor W. S. Hoar. For some years the Chair was awarded annually in the Zoology Department at the University of British Columbia, but was discontinued during internal departmental reorganization. In 1998

Babu Ali, who was then a Professor of Biology at the University of Montreal, moved the Award to recognize graduate student excellence in aquatic biology to the Institute of Ichthyology at the University of Guelph. The Award was not presented after 2004, and Professor Ali subsequently requested that the Chair and the Award be moved to the Fisheries and Wildlife Department of Oregon State University, to recognize the strength of the graduate fisheries program at Oregon State University and his own recognition by Dr. Carl Bond from this Department. So the Department that first recognized the accomplishments of Babu Ali continues to acknowledge his tradition of excellence and service by recognizing those accomplishments in our graduate students.

The M. A. Ali Graduate Chair Award was presented to Allison Evans in 2011.



Allison shows off her chair

(article contributed by Professor David Noakes)

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Guadalupe Artis	Cliff & Katie Hamilton	Don & Jeanne Neff	Orthello & Nancy Wallis
Jim & Jewel Bales	John Haxton	Emil & Jessie Nelson	Glen & Joyce Ward
Winston & Constance	George Y. Harry, Jr.	Heidi & Todd Newsome	John Wells
Banko	Charles & Doris Hazel	Mary & John Nickum	Alan & Jan Wentz
Mike & Christine Barton	Patricia Heilman	John & Lori North	Joe & Darlene
Mike & Paula Bauer	Jack & Marilyn Helle	David & Tracy Nuzum	Wetherbee
Daniel Beason	Bob & Ann Herrmann	Bill & Donna Olson	Michael & Paula
Burnie Bohn	David & Mary Ann	Ed & Pearl Ortner	Wickersham
Lenora Bond	Hipply	Bill Overholtz	Jack & Cynthia Williams
Richard and Connie	Dan & Patricia	Brooks Pangburn	Randy Williams
Bonn	Hitchcock	Peter & Lori Pernarelli	William & Elaine Wilson
Dennis & Patricia	Ernest Hodson	Joe & Carol Pesek	James Woods
Borton	Merlyn & Martha Hough	Spencer & Shirley	Charles & Gail Woosley
Ryan Branstetter &	Warren Hovland	Peterson	
Toshi Forrest	Richard Hoyer	Jeanette Phillips	<b>Organizations:</b>
Ralph Breitenstein	Bill & Betty Huff	Melissa Radcliffe	Kaleidoscope Cruises/
John & Eila Briggs	Dick & Jeralyn	Ed & Sheila Robertson	Barry & Kathleen
Don & Mary Brockway	Humphreys	William Robinson	Bracken
Mike & Kay Brown	Kamal & Carol-Ann	Ana Rodriguez	Estate of William B.
Shirley Carlson	Islam	George & Shirley	Morse
Corby & Terri Chappell	Virginia Ito	Romano	Multnomah Anglers &
Michael & Teresa	Ron Iverson	Michael & Nadine	Hunters
Cloughesy	Michael Jaenicke	Scanlan	Oregon Council, Federa-
Pat Connolly	Bill & Jeraldine Johnson	Bob Schoning	tion of Fly Fishers
Dale & Mariann Crane	Brian & Sheryl Jonasson	Carl & Jacque Schreck	Oriet Tree Farm/Greg &
Edwin & Sally	George & Linda Keister	Robert & Elizabeth	Kathie Oriet
Cummings	K & Lynda Koski	Schuster	RWJ Consulting
Michael Dahlberg	Bob Kuhn	Rosalie Sheldon	Munson Family Founda-
Anita DeLong	Anthony & Wendy La	Sandra Shelin	tion
Glenn & Lori DeMott	Cathy Lannan	Greg Short	Rogue Flyfishers
Dan & Sally Edge	Leonard & Carol Layng	Gene Silovsky	Southern Oregon Fly
Sterling Eide	Ira & Lillian Lewis	Court and Linda Smith	Fishers
Robert & Davinne Ellis	Ron Lindland	Emil & Mary Smith	Sunriver Anglers
David & Kay Estergard	Rod Litton	Marilyn Smith	Washington County Fly
Dale & Virginia Evans	Dale Litzenberger	Richard & Jane Spall	Fishers
Brian & Vickey Ferry	Harry Lorz	Roy & Mary Stafford	
Ron Friesz	Terry & Cathy Luther	Dick Straty	<b>Matching contribu-</b>
Erik Fritzell & Ell-Piret	Jerry & Sandra	Joy Tamayose	<b>tions:</b>
Multer	MacLeod	Jerry & June Thiessen	Medtronic Foundation
George & Donna Gerity	Dave & Georgia	Douglas Thompson	Pfizer Foundation
Tony & Jessie Gharrett	Marshall		

## Departmental Scholarship Recipients 2010–2011

### Undergraduate

*Dylan McDowell and Kasey Moore*—**Roland E. Dimick** Memorial Scholarship, \$3,000 each; for Sophomores who have been in the Department for at least 3 terms; based on Freshman performance; awarded since 1980.

*Justin Huff*—**Carl and Lenora Bond** Scholarship, \$1,000; for a Junior or Senior with leadership abilities; awarded since 2007.

*Sarah Ashurex*—**Lee Wallace Kuhn** Memorial Scholarship, \$1,000; for Juniors or Seniors emphasizing wildlife; awarded since 2005.

*Allison Estergaard*—**William Q. Wick** Memorial Scholarship, \$2,000; to benefit undergraduate students in the Department; preference to Oregon high school graduates; awarded since 1993.

*Nicholas Pitz*—**Howard Horton** Fisheries Management Scholarship, \$500; for students with a career interest in fisheries management, leadership qualities, and volunteer activities; awarded since 2009.

*Kerric Brooks, Mollee Bighill, Tommy Nockles, Cole Hendrickson, and Charlie Chamberlain*—**Henry Mastin** Memorial Scholarships, \$1,200 each; for Freshmen entering the Department; based on scholastic achievement; awarded since 1989.

*Amy Barkhurst and Jeremiah Psiropoulos*—**Bob and Phyllis Mace** Watchable Wildlife Scholarship, \$1,500 each; to benefit qualified and needy students working toward an undergraduate degree in the Department; preference to Oregon high school graduates; awarded since 1994.

*Allison Estergaard*—**Rogue Flyfishers Club** Scholarship, \$1,500; for a Junior or Senior majoring in Fishery Science; awarded since 2004.

*Keely Lopez*—**Mikel Mapes** Memorial Scholarship, \$500; given by the Multnomah Anglers and Hunters Club; for a Junior or Senior with fisheries emphasis; awarded since 2005.

*Mee-ya Monnin*—**Bill Schaffer** Memorial Scholarship, \$800; given by the Multnomah Anglers and Hunters Club for a Sophomore, Junior, or Senior, based on academic performance and community activities; awarded since 1942.

*Emi Ikeda*—**Chan Schenck** Conservation Scholarship, \$800; given by the Multnomah Anglers and Hunters Club; for a Junior or Senior in the Department; awarded since 1942.

*Amanda Holland and Sheena Wheeler*—**Vivian Schriver Thompson** Scholarship, \$2,000 each; E.R. Jackman Foundation, to benefit needy wildlife students; restricted to Oregon residents; awarded since 1995.

*Allison Estergaard*—**Southern Oregon Flyfishers Club** Scholarship, \$1,500; restricted to Juniors and Seniors in the Department; preference to those with field experience; selection based on scholarship and need; awarded since 1995.

*Amanda Holland \$500, Sarah Ashurex \$500, Allison Estergaard \$1,000, and Sheena Wheeler, \$500*—**Mike and Kay Brown** Scholarships, \$800; for undergraduate students with a major in the College of Forestry, Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, or in Natural Resources; awarded since 1998.

*Dylan Mc Dowell*—**Cliff & Katie Hamilton** Mentors Scholarship, \$1,500; for students with leadership skills working toward a degree that blends their fish and wildlife training with other disciplines; awarded since 1993.

*Amy Jauron and Joseph Weldon*—**Chairman's Leadership Award**, \$500 each; for students who demonstrate outstanding leadership; awarded since 2007.

*Elisabeth Moore*—**Erik Fritzell** Diversity Scholarship, \$1,000; for ethnic minorities; awarded since 2009.

(not awarded this year)—**Santiam Fish and Game Association** endowed scholarship fund, \$1,000 each; one to a junior or senior and one to a student with an internship in public education in Linn or Benton County; awarded since 2009.

*Rayce Belmont*—**William B. and Jean Morse** Scholarship, \$3,000; preference to students interested in law enforcement; new award this year.

*Paul Sims*—**Tamal Reece** Memorial Scholarship, \$500; for non-resident students; new award this year.

*Allison Stringer*—**Phillip W. Schneider** Scholarship, \$500; for a Sophomore or Junior with demonstrated leadership ability through student and community activities; new award this year.

*Teresa Conrad \$250, April Watts \$250, Amanda Holland \$1,000, Kenneth and Lois Klarquist* Scholarship; to assist students in internships; new award this year.

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## Graduate

*Stephanie Archer*—**Coombs-Simpson** Memorial Fellowship, \$750; awarded to female graduate students with personal and professional qualities that exemplify the role-model characteristics of **Candia Coombs M.S. '79** and **Gay Simpson '76, M.S. '79**, alumnae of the Department. The recipients are nominated by her peers; awarded since 1995.

*Bill Brignon and Andrew Claiborne*—**Oregon Council Federation of Fly Fishers** Scholarship, \$1,500 each; to graduate students researching native fishes; awarded since 1992.

*Allison Evans*—**Hugo Krueger** Graduate Research Award in Fish Physiology, \$1,500; awarded since 1986.

*Jamie Womble*—**Ken Munson** Wildlife Scholarship, \$2,000; awarded since 2005.

*Ruth DiMaria and Lindsey Thurman*—**Thomas G. Scott** Achievement Award, \$2,000 each; for the Outstanding M.S. students in the Department; awarded since 1993.

*Stephanie Archer and Renee Bellinger*—**Thomas G. Scott** Achievement Award, \$2,000 each; for Outstanding Ph.D. students in the Department; awarded since 1993.

*Ruth DiMaria and Stephanie Archer*—**H. Richard Carlson** Scholarship, \$2,300 each; awarded to graduate students working in the area of marine fisheries; awarded since 2000.

*Katie Moriarty, Renee Albertson, and Tom Calvenese*—**Henry Mastin** Graduate Fund to assist with expenses for research and travel to professional meetings. Awarded since 1990.

*Stephanie Archer and David Loomis*—**Chairman's Leadership Award**, \$500 each; for students demonstrating outstanding leadership; awarded since 2009.

*Rebecca Hamner*—**Ted Thorgaard** Student Research Fund, \$500; for a student conducting research in conservation biology; awarded since 2007.

*Bill Brignon, Andrew Claiborne, and John Speece*—**Washington County Flyfishers Marty Day** Scholarship, \$1,250 each; for students conducting research in freshwater salmonid ecology and management; awarded since 2006.

*Haley Ohms and John Speece*—**Sunriver Anglers Club** Scholarship, \$1,500 each; for students studying fish ecology or habitat in Eastern Oregon; awarded since 2006.

*Renee Bellinger, Camille Leblanc, and Matt Sloat*—**Neil Armantrout** Graduate Fellowship, \$2,000 each; for students conducting research on wild salmon; Awarded since 2008.

*Megan Cook*—**David B. and Georgia Leupold Marshall** Wildlife Graduate Scholarship, \$1,500; for a graduate student in wildlife; awarded since 2008.

(not awarded this year)—**Santiam Fish and Game Association** endowed scholarship, \$1,000; preference to residents of Linn or Benton County; awarded since 2009.

*April Lindeman*—**Charles E. Warren** Award for Ecology and Sustainable Societies, \$1,000; for a student whose research integrates ecology, political economy, and environmental justice in the quest for sustainable relationships between communities and their natural resources; awarded since 2009.

*Allison Evans*—**M.A. Ali** Graduate Chair Award in Fishery Biology, \$200; based on accomplishment in research, communication of science, and evidence of leadership; new award this year.

*Jessica Castillo*—**Briggs** Scholarship in Biogeography, \$500; student with strong interest in distribution and evolution of terrestrial, freshwater, or marine organisms; undergraduate degree from another university; new award this year

*Clint Epps, Jennifer Gervais, and Abigail McCarthy*—**Thomas G. Scott** Publication Fund; to assist faculty and students with publication costs. Awarded since 1993.

## Faculty

The Wildlife Society recognized eight members as Fellows for 2011. **Bob Anthony** and **Dan Edge** were among those recognized with this distinguished award, given for exceptional service to the profession. **Dan** also won the 2012 Excellence in Teaching Award from the University Professional & Continuing Education Association for his support and advocacy of Distance Education. He also is Chair of the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission, the president of the National Association of University Fish and Wildlife Programs; and the president of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities, Fish and Wildlife Section. Whew!!

**Howard Horton** was named the College of Agricultural Sciences Alumni Legacy Fellow for 2011.

Again the Department cleaned up at the Fall Awards ceremony for the College. We received 4 of the 10 awards. **Clint Epps** received the 2011 Savery Outstanding Young Faculty Award, **Selina Heppell** received the 2011 F.E. Price/Agriculture Research Foundation Award for Excellence in Student Advising and Counseling, **Scott Baker** received the 2011 F.E. Price/Agriculture Research Foundation Award for Excellence in Research, and **Bruce Mate** received the 2011 Roy Arnold/Agricultural Research Foundation Leadership Award. And at the University level, **Rob Chitwood** received the OSU Exemplary Employee Award at University Day, fitting recognition for his outstanding service in supervising the renovation of our spaces in Nash Hall.

**Robert Lackey** was one of four Plenary Session speakers at the 2011 National Meeting of the American Fisheries Society in Seattle.

**Scott Baker** was named one of four international Pew Marine Conservation Fellows for 2011. Each of the four fellows will receive \$150,000 over three years to conduct scientific research or a conservation project that addresses a critical challenge to healthy oceans.

**Brian Sidlauskas** has generated a lot of buzz for an innovative use of technology. In February 2011, a team of ichthyologists led by Brian and sponsored by the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History performed the first survey of the fish diversity in the Cuyuni River of Guyana. Upon their return to the capital, they needed to identify the more than 5,000 specimens they had collected in less than a week's time in order to obtain an export permit. Faced with insufficient time and inadequate library resources to tackle the problem on their own, they instead posted a catalog of specimen images to

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Facebook and turned to their network of colleagues for help. In less than 24 hours, this approach identified approximately 90 percent of the posted specimens to at least the level of genus, revealed the presence of at least two likely undescribed species, indicated two new records for Guyana, and generated several loan requests. The majority of people commenting held a Ph.D. in ichthyology or a related field, and hailed from a great diversity of countries including the United States, Canada, France, Switzerland, Colombia, Peru, Venezuela, Guyana and Brazil. Facebook recently sent a filming crew to OSU to interview Brian and feature our fish collection. Watch for it in the next few months.

**Guillermo Giannico** and **Dana Sanchez** received the Vice Provost's Outreach & Engagement Award for Excellence – Diversity Award..

Congratulations to **Nancy Allen, Rebecca Goggans, Danielle Jarkowsky, Leighann Auer, Lisa Pierson and Megan Wright**, recipients of the Vice Provost's Award for Excellence in Program Support - Distance Education Advising Team.

## Graduates

**Jim Martin '69, M.S. '78** was named as one of four OSU Alumni Association Fellows, which included giving a lecture at the Fall 2011 Homecoming festivities.

**Bruce Barton Ph.D. '87** edited and wrote a chapter in *Biology, Management, and Culture of Walleye and Sauger*, published by the American Fisheries Society in June 2011

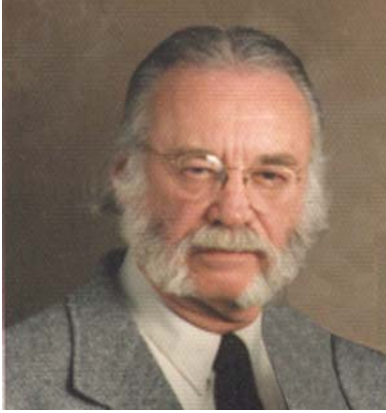
## Students

**Lindsey Thurman** received a \$26K Climate Science Fellowship from the Northwest Climate Science Center.

F&W Students at HMSC again received a lion's share of scholarship awards. Here are students and their supervisors:

Markham Award—**Andrew Claiborne (Jessica Miller), Ryan Easton (Selina Heppell), Cheryl Horton (Rob Suryan), James Losee (Jessica Miller), and Sheanna Steingass (Marcus Horning)**  
Crebbin Award—**Rebecca Hamner (Scott Baker)**  
Reynolds Award—**Amanda Gladics (Rob Suryan)**  
Wick Award—**Amanda Gladics (Rob Suryan)**  
Jones Award—**Amelia Whitcomb (Kathleen O'Malley)**

## OBITUARIES



### B.J. Verts 1927—2011

B.J. Verts died 29 December in Corvallis, Oregon, following an infection with *Cryptococcus gattii*. He was 84 years old.

He was born to William Trigg and Jeanette Poindexter Verts on April 9, 1927 in Nelson, MO. He grew up in that state. During these years living in rural areas he became an avid fisherman and hunter and keen observer of wildlife. He joined the Navy in June 1945 and served as a Pharmacist's Mate Second Class in the South Pacific. Through the GI Bill, BJ obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in 1954 from the University of Missouri-Columbia and a Master's degree in 1956 and a Ph.D. in 1965 from Southern Illinois University. He worked as a mammalogist with the Illinois Natural History Survey from 1957 to 1965. In May 1965 he arrived at Oregon State University in Corvallis, Oregon, to begin a 32-year career as a mammalogist and Professor of Wildlife Sciences. He then spent 5 years as an Emeritus Professor teaching courses in Manuscript Preparation and mentoring undergraduate students. During his career as a scientist he published 104 scientific papers, mostly on mammals. Over half of these papers were published jointly with his wife Leslie, who also is a mammalogist. He also published the books *The Biology of the Striped Skunk* (in 1967), three editions of the laboratory manual *Keys to the Mammals of Oregon* (in 1971, 1978, and 1983), and *Land Mammals of Oregon* with Leslie in 1998.

BJ truly enjoyed working with students. He had 20 M.S. and 2 Ph.D. students. He also mentored many undergraduates. Although numerous students complained about how tough he was while taking classes he taught, countless numbers of these students came back over the years to thank him for making them better scientists that they thought they could be. This was BJ's greatest source of pride — that all the effort he expended helping students learn to think and develop their abilities to express themselves verbally and in writing had been of value. BJ was a member of numerous scientific societies around the world; however, his favorites were the American

Society of Mammalogists (ASM) and the Wildlife Society. He was the Chair of the Local Committee of the 59th Annual Meeting of ASM that was held at Oregon State University in June 1979. For 15 years he filled the roles of Associate Editor for *Mammalian Species*, followed by being the Associate Editor, then Journal Editor, then Managing Editor for the *Journal of Mammalogy*. He was a Life Member and Patron Member of ASM, served on its Board of Directors for 8 years, and on numerous committees over the span of his 60-year membership in ASM. In June 1992 he was awarded The Hartley H. T. Jackson Award in recognition of his outstanding service to the American Society of Mammalogists.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Leslie Carraway; son and his wife, William Trigg Verts II and Catherine Hodgkins Verts; and granddaughter Rachel Jane Verts. Concerned with the hunger many people in the Corvallis community experienced, he provided Community Outreach with large quantities of groceries during the winter so that fewer people would go hungry during the cold weather. Memorial contributions may be sent to Community Outreach, 865 NW Reiman Ave., Corvallis OR 97330.

#### Editor's note:

It has been traditional to note the passing of faculty. However in the past year we lost two prominent alumni whose passing seems worthy of note. Will Brown was one of our first graduates, and David Marshall was in the first class of Distinguished Graduates named in 1995.

### David B. Marshall 1926—2011

David Brownell Marshall peacefully joined his ancestors in the early morning hours of November 22 following a prolonged illness. The first of three children born in Portland to Earl and Dorothy Marshall, David was known as an outstanding naturalist and bird expert. He grew near Mt. Tabor, where he made frequent forays into the fields and woods to observe birds. He attended Washington High School, where he met Georgia Leupold in 1943. They would marry 56 years later. David served in the Army Air Corps as a gunner during World War II. He married Betty Jones in 1948 and subsequently graduated from Oregon State College with a degree in Fish and Game Management. In the 1950's he worked on various wildlife refuges, including Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, where he served with refuge manager John Scharff. Later he was instrumental in establishing Basket Slough, Finley, and

Ankeny wildlife refuges in the Willamette Valley. In 1960 David returned to Portland to take a position as regional refuge biologist. In 1973 he became chief biologist for birds and mammals in the endangered species program in Washington, D.C. David retired from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in 1981 and then worked as a consultant to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. In 2003, he co-authored a 700-page reference book *Birds of Oregon*, which has been called “the definitive source for Oregon ornithology”. David is survived by his daughter Janet, son John, brother Albert, sister Nancy, triplet grandchildren, and his beloved Georgia. Memorial contributions can be made to the David Marshall Endowment Fund for Fisheries and Wildlife of the Oregon State University Foundation or the Audubon Society of Portland.

### **Will H. Brown 1914–2011**

Will was born in Riddle, OR. His father got him his first job at age 13, packing in with his dog to a lookout station in the wilderness. This was early training for his future job. He went on to be one of the first to graduate from OSU with a degree in Fish and Game Management. He married his college sweetheart Blanche Williams in 1940. After a short

period with the Oregon Game Commission, he was drafted into the Army. He spent two years on Umnak and Attu Islands in the Aleutians with the 75<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery. When the war ended, he was a First Lieutenant in Italy.

After the war, he returned to his work with the Oregon Game Commission, where in 1949 he established that agency’s first regional office in La Grande. He served as Regional Supervisor from 1951 until his retirement in 1976. During his time with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife he worked constantly and effectively to influence the U.S. Forest Service’s management programs—especially those regarding establishment of an extension of Wilderness designations. He was an effective lobbyist with those in positions of power and influence – governors, state representatives, congressmen, federal agency officials, and leaders of the environmental movement. Surviving are son Harvey in Spokane WA, daughter Evelyn in Medford OR, Harvey’s son Brian in Spokane, and Brian’s daughter Glenda. He lost Blanche to cancer in March 1971. He married Berniece Ledendorff in December 1971.

The world of the care and management of wildlife and wild land is different, and better, for the presence of Bill Brown.



**How many can you recognize from this bus trip in 1968?**

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